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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3728  
PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05711.0130**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Ryoji KAWAMURA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3728  
Application No.: 09/986,998 ) Examiner: S. Luong  
Filed: November 13, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 6370  
For: SMALL ARTICLE CASE ) **Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2004, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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